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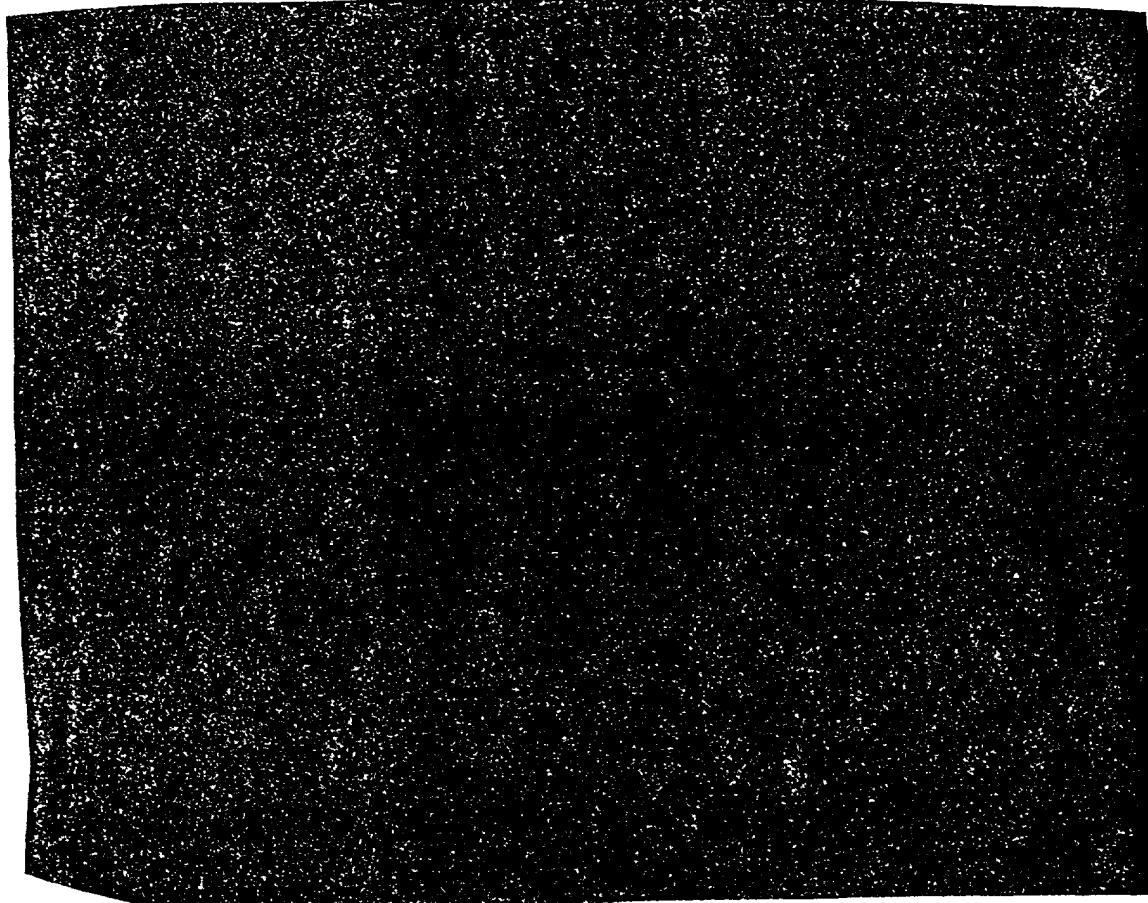
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POWs to Be Human Shields

At 0500 EST this morning, Baghdad radio broadcast a statement by an Iraqi military spokesman declaring that coalition prisoners-of-war would be distributed to strategic targets in Iraq. The spokesman denounced the bombing of civilian, economic, and strategic targets within the cities, saying "the aggression has been devoid of the minimum human standards."

Comment: This announcement, in addition to the coerced statements of downed coalition pilots, is evidence of Baghdad's disregard for the Geneva Convention, of which it is a signatory.



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